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| Manuel CHESNEAU et al. |) | Washington, D.C. |
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| For: AN ACTIVATED CARBON.. |) | Docket No.: CHESNEAU=1 |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 21-23 and add the following new
claims 24-26:

24. (New) In a method for the treatment of water
comprising contacting said water with activated carbon, the
improvement wherein said activated carbon is the activated
carbon of claim 1.

25. (New) The method of claim 24 for removing atrazine
from said water, wherein said activated carbon has a BET
surface area of at least 2000 m²/g and a butane absorption
coefficient of 45% TO 75 %.

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26. (New) The method of claim 24 for removing chloramines from said water, wherein said activated carbon has a ball-pan hardness of at least 65%, a micropore volume of at least 0.50 ml/g and a mesopore volume of at least 0.30 ml/g.

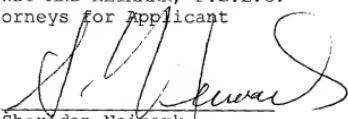
REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 24-26 presently appear in this case. The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to place this case in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 21-23 have been deleted.

New claims 24-26 have been added:

24. (New) In a method for the treatment of water comprising contacting said water with activated carbon, the improvement wherein said activated carbon is the activated carbon of claim 1.

25. (New) The method of claim 24 for removing atrazine from said water, wherein said activated carbon has a BET surface area of at least 2000 m^2/g and a butane absorption coefficient of 45% TO 75 %.

26. (New) The method of claim 24 for removing chloramines from said water, wherein said activated carbon has a ball-pan hardness of at least 65%, a micropore volume of at least 0.50 ml/g and a mesopore volume of at least 0.30 ml/g .